

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 3 and 6 – 18 are now pending in the application. Claims 1 – 3 and 6 – 18 stand rejected. Claims 11 – 13, 17 and 18 have been amended in response to the Examiners' comments in the Advisory Action mailed April 22, 2005.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 – 3, 6 – 10 and 14 – 16 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable claims. Applicants further submit that the non-allowable claims, specifically claims 11 – 13 and 17 discussed in note 3 of the Advisory Action, have been amended to be consistent with the remaining allowable claims.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (313) 665-4969.

Respectfully submitted,

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